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# THE UNPRECEDENTED APPEARANCE OF JAMB AT IPI WORLD CONGRESS



L-R: Dr Benjamin Fabian; Dapo Olorunyomi and Folu Olamiti at the IPI World Congress in Vienna, Austria.

For the first time in its four-decade existence, the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board is being represented at the World Congress of the International Press Institute in Vienna, Austria. This was made possible by the present leadership of the Board which, in a bid to align its operations with international best practices, is showcasing its potential to the

whole world not only to harvest expert opinions on its activities but also to benchmark with other organisations on ways and means of improving on its service delivery.

It is worthy of note that while many government entities are cocooning themselves to foreclose public scrutiny, the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board is

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# JAMB RETIREES SHOWER ENCOMIUMS ON OLOYEDE

## ...Say His Success Stories Remain Their Pride

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) Retirees have showered encomiums on the Registrar for the uncommon transformations he had wrought in the affairs of the Board.

The Retirees said they were impressed with all the various innovations being spearheaded by the present leadership of the Board which had put JAMB on the world map.

The forum of eminent senior citizens of the Board also congratulated Prof. Oloyede on his reappointment stating that it was not a surprise considering the unprecedented achievements recorded

in his first term.

The coordinator of the forum of JAMB Retirees (otherwise called JAMB Ambassadors), Mrs Aisha Dahiru, profiled the transformational agenda of the Oloyede-led administration and submitted that all the Retirees of the Board are proud of the successes recorded.

Continuing, Mrs Dahiru stated that the visit was spectacular to JAMB Retirees in many ways. She said, "Frankly speaking, we are not in any way surprised when we received the news of your reappointment. That, we believe was owing to your unparalleled and

unprecedented achievements within the short time you have spent at the helms of affairs of the Board. We are indeed proud of you and are desirous of being associated with your success story."

Similarly, Mrs Dahiru commended the Registrar for facilitating job placements for her retired colleagues in many reputable organisations and informed the Registrar that the officers had given a good account of themselves wherever they found themselves.

She also thanked the Registrar for involving the members of the forum in the coordination and supervision of the UTME over the years saying it was a

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## ...The Unprecedented Appearance Of JAMB At IPI World Congress

moving in the opposite direction as its attendance at the congress was intended to invite expert scrutiny as local experts with analytical minds as well as international civil organisations including very distinguished members of the international press community would have the opportunity to assess its internal operations. This exposure would, no doubt, go a long way in underscoring the importance that the present leadership of the Board attached to the institutionalisation of transparency, fairness and equity.

Representing the Board at this global forum for editors, journalists and media executives, who share a common dedication to quality and independent journalism, is the Head, Public Affairs and Protocols, JAMB, Dr Fabian Benjamin.

The 70th IPI Congress, which began on Wednesday, 15th September 2021, critically reviewed the global situation of press freedom and the media industry in general especially in the wake of the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. The body expressed concerns that the coronavirus pandemic has seen the spread of new norms and tendencies that have endangered the free flow of information while stressing the need for accurate and independent reportage given the prevailing circumstances globally.

Congress also frowns at the brutal crackdowns on the press as seen in the vicious attacks on the media in Belarus and Myanmar, where journalists face

harassment, arrest, and violence for reporting on pro-democracy agitations. IPI members demanded the immediate release of all journalists held by the Belarusian regime and Myanmar's military junta, in addition to the freeing of every other journalist jailed across the globe.

Furthermore, the congress featured lectures, master classes and seminars on varying topics such as Africa Talk: Innovation in Distribution of News on Messaging Platforms; Think Globally, Report Locally; Sustainable Financing of Media: How can Philanthropy Help?;

Master classes dwelled on such topical issues as Combating Online Harassment; Strategy Roundtable: Independent Journalism; Cooperation and Solidarity in Central and Eastern Europe; Town Hall: Strategies for Resistance; Conversation: Are you still there? How to Keep and Grow our Audiences; among others.

Nigeria's Raheem Adedoyin was on Thursday, 16th September, 2021, elected alongside 15 others, to the Governing Board of the 70-year-old Institute.

Mr Adedoyin, who is the Chairman, Editorial Board of The Herald Newspapers and Secretary of the IPI, Nigeria Chapter, was elected unopposed to the Board of the prestigious body.

Mr Adedoyin succeeds late Wada Maida, the publisher of People's Daily. Maida had succeeded Mr Kabir Yusuf, the publisher of Daily Trust.

The election was held at the 70th IPI General Assembly with at least 200

journalists in attendance while a substantial number had virtually tuned in to the event worldwide.

IPI Chairman, Markus Spillman, in his address, congratulated Mr Adedoyin and other newly-elected IPI Board members. Other newly-elected Board members are: Walid Batrawi (Palestine); John Daniszewski (USA); Marton Gergely (Hungary); Emre Kizilkaya (Turkey); Elizaveta Osetinskaya (Russia); Etaf Roudan (Jordan); Hiroki Sugita (Japan); Jussi Tuulensuu (Finland); and Sami Zeidan (Qatar).

Zaffar Abbas (Pakistan) was re-elected to the Board alongside Mahfuz Anam (Bangladesh); Monika Eigenaperger (Austria); David Jordan (UK); Riyad Mathew (India); and Khadija Patel (South Africa).

Nigerian delegates to the congress comprised: Sir. Folu Olamiti, member of IPI (Nigeria) Board of Trustees who is the Chairman of the Church of Nigeria Advent Cable Network Nigeria Television (ACNNTV) and Publisher/CEO Newspot Online Newspaper; Mr Dapo Olorunyomi, Chairman/Chief Executive Officer of Premium Times; Dr Benjamin Fabian, Head, Public Affairs and Protocols of JAMB; Mrs Tawaklitu Olayemi Yusuf, member of the Executive Management of Sobi FM and IPI member; as well as Mr Rafiu Ajakaiye, Chief Press Secretary to the Kwara State Governor, also an IPI member.

## JAMB REGISTRAR RAISES ALARM OVER ILLEGAL ADMISSIONS

...Says The Board Had Received About 600,000 Applications For Condonement Between 2017 and 2020



NASFA Deputy Commandant/Chief of Staff and Director of studies, Col Onyekachi Eneomwo receives annual reports from JAMB Registrar, Prof Is-haq Oloyede during a familiarization visit to JAMB.

**T**he Registrar, Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has raised alarm on the menace of illegal admissions

in the nation's tertiary institutions.

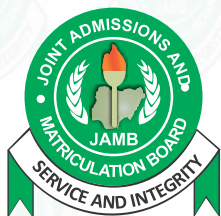
Prof. Oloyede disclosed this on Thursday, 16th September, 2021 when a delegation from the Nigerian Army School of Finance and Administration (NASFA) paid him a courtesy visit in his office.

He decried the high rate of illegal admissions adding that requests for their condonement had risen to over 600,000 from institutions between 2017 and 2020. He warned that if such practices were not nipped in the bud, it would, in the long run, not only tarnish the image of the country's education system but also affect the sourcing of accurate data on gross enrollment ratio and subsequently

statistics for national planning and development.

He charged the institution not to admit any candidate if he or she did not sit the Board's Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) adding that such admission would be a nullity as the Board would not have any records of such candidate in its system and any certificate issued to him or her would not be recognised anywhere.

He cautioned all tertiary institutions against flouting the directive of the Honourable Minister of Education, Mallam Adamu Adamu, at the just-



# JOINT ADMISSIONS AND MATRICULATION BOARD

## REPORT OF INFLOW AND OUTFLOW FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 11 - SEPTEMBER 17, 2021

### FINANCIAL INFLOW

S/N	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT(N)
1	E-facilities/Sales	116,042,127.49
2	PRC Service Charge	306,961.26
3	2021 Late Registration	110,659.66
4	Other Income	2,093,938.67
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>118,553,687.08</b>

### FINANCIAL OUTFLOW

S/N	DESCRIPTION	PURPOSE OF PAYMENT	AMOUNT(N)
1	Staff Claims	Various	4,947,711.55
2	Abuaf Synergy Ltd	Store Supply	3,287,375.00
3	Bwari Kitchen NigeriaLtd	Refreshment and Meals	2,099,223.75
4	Abuja Electricity Distribution Company	Electricity Charges	617,924.70
5	Remita	Financial charges	8,944.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>10,961,179.00</b>

## JAMB CELEBRATES STAFF BORN SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> – SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>

*Happy Birthday*

### 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

Ebere Maudline Chris-Okeke  
Goldlyn Ngozi Aliagha  
Mansur Abubakar Gidado  
Monday Ezekiel Jagaba  
Kolawole Abosede Opeyemi  
Anthonia Ngozi Onah  
Eziaku Happiness Alozie

### 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER

Abdulrasheed Basheer Sagagi

### 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER

Titus Omini Ewara  
Umar Dahiru

### 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER

Kosy Emmanuela Olisaemeka  
Monsurat Dunni Raimi  
Rukaiya Hassan  
Constance Mgbechi Duru  
Faruk Temilola Muhammed

### 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

Mustapha Alka

### 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

Hauwa Nana Obansa  
Abubakar Musa Ijakoro  
Asma'u Bello  
Tlatu Kumdong  
Rabiu Saidu Sayeed  
Anthony Chekwube Ofuonye  
Aminu Nuhu Koko

### 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

Hussaina Shehu Alekhujie  
Ibrahim Opa Abdulraheem







## EDUCATION IN THE MEDIA

**DAILY NEWS COVER, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021- NUC Backs Newly-Appointed Nigerian Secretary-General of African Universities:** The National Universities Commission (NUC), has thrown its weight behind the newly-appointed Secretary-General of the Association of African Universities (AAU), Prof. Olusola Bandele Oyewole.

In the same vein, Professor Rasheed assured that NUC would partner with the 54-year-old association, just as it expressed confidence in the ability of the new Scribe to excel in his new office for the overall benefits of Universities in Africa.

The NUC boss said, "Let me also reassure you of the unwavering commitment of the Commission is partnering with the Association in those cross-cutting areas that would be mutually beneficial to both the NUC in particular and the university community in general."

Prof. Oyewole's appointment was announced last month by the outgoing President of AAU, Professor Antonio Orlando Quilambo, the Rector of Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique, at the virtual Extraordinary General Conference of the Association.

The new Scribe who will assume duties on October 1, 2021, is replacing an Ivorian scholar, Professor Etienne Ehouan Ehile, who had served for nine years. The AAU Headquarters is in Accra, Ghana.

**DAILY TRUST, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021- NECO Registrar to FG: Stop Using Mathematics, English as Criterion for University, Polytechnic Admission:** The Registrar of the National Examinations Council, (NECO), Professor Dantani Ibrahim Wushishi, has advocated the abolition of the policy of using Credits in English Language and Mathematics as the main criterion in admitting students into tertiary institutions.

Speaking at the 2021 Biennial National Conference of the Association of Model

Islamic Schools in Minna, the Niger State Capital, the Registrar also called for the establishment of an Examination Offences Tribunal to fast track the trial of offenders and remove the bottlenecks being experienced in the prosecution of offenders.

Professor Wushishi noted that the policies, programmes, processes, products and politics of the education sector needed to be overhauled, adding that adequate facilities and infrastructure must be provided in public schools for effective teaching and learning to take place.

The Registrar revealed that Bauchi, Borno, Kano and Kebbi States featured prominently in examination malpractices in the last five years, blaming parents, teachers and the school system for the rise in the act. He said all hands must be on deck to eliminate the menace from Nigeria's educational system.

**LEGIT, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021- WASSCE 2021: WAEC Reveals When Results Will be Available:** The West African Examinations Council (WAEC) has revealed when the results of the ongoing 2021 West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE) will be available.

According to BBC News Pidgin, the examination council's Director of Public Affairs, Demianus Ojijeogu, says the results and certificates will be out 45 and 90 days respectively after the last paper is written.

**NATION, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021- Prof. Oloyede Made Us Proud as JAMB Registrar:** The University of Ilorin Alumni Association has said that Prof. Is-haq Oloyede made the body proud with his achievements as Registrar of the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB) adding that Prof. Oloyede deserved his reappointment.

The National President of the

Association, Dr Stephen Olawale Fasakin, who made this announcement said that Prof. Oloyede had remained one of the most visible star boys of President Muhammadu Buhari's administration's war against corruption. Dr Fasakin stated that Oloyede effectively sanitised JAMB's operations in five years, making Nigerians think the Board never had any tangible operation in all its years of existence.

According to him: "The entire members of the Alumni Association are indeed very proud of our distinguished alumnus, the very first to have become the Vice-Chancellor of our great Alma Mater and, at present, earning even higher marks at the national level."

**DAILY SUN, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021- Jubilation as ABUAD Ranked Best Nigerian Private Varsity in Research:** It was jubilation galore for the management of Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti (ABUAD), Ekiti State, when the institution received the news that it has been ranked by Alper-Doger Scientific Index, as the best private university in research.

According to a statement by the institution's Director, Corporate Affairs, Tunde Olofintila, the 12-year-old University was ranked the "Best Research University" among the 99 Private Universities in Nigeria and Number 10 out of 197 Public and Private Universities in Nigeria.

"In addition to these achievements, Alper-Doger Scientific Index, also known as AD Scientific Index Ranking, ranked ABUAD Scientists No. 5 out of 3,570 Scientists ranked throughout the country. The AD Scientific Index World Top Universities ranking is based on scholarly research output from Google Scholar.

"The AD Scientific Index is the first and only study that shows the total and the last five-year productivity coefficients of

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Scientists based on the h-index and i10 index scores and citations in Google Scholar. **Also in Daily Sun, Thursday, September 16, 2021.**

**PUNCH, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021- Varsity Appoints Registrar:** Caleb University, Imota, Lagos, has appointed Mr Mayokun Olumeru, as the Acting Registrar. He succeeds Mrs Folake Okor, who bowed out recently after completing her two tenures as Registrar.

A statement signed by Head, Information, Media and Publications, Olawale Adekoya, described Mr Olumeru, as a seasoned technocrat who was hitherto the Deputy Registrar, Strategic Management Services, Caleb University.

**GUARDIAN, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021- Is-haq Oloyede: Snake Charmer:** In this opinion article by Ray Ekpou, the seasoned writer speaks of the nature of the Office of the Registrar, Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) and the weight on the shoulders of its newly-reappointed occupant, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede.

He extolled the indefatigable efforts of the Registrar at overcoming the challenges bedeviling the Board thereby ensuring that the examination body regained its status as a bastion of integrity in the conduct of public examinations.

He describes the job of conducting examinations into tertiary institutions by the Board as a yearly battle and whoever is the Registrar bears the brunt. He cited three reasons for this: One, there are more children eager to go into tertiary institutions than there are vacancies for them. Two, many of the students eager to get in do not qualify by JAMB's examination standard to have a place. Three, as there are no facilities provided for remedial programmes for these under-achievers, the pressure on JAMB becomes almost unbearable.

He praised, Professor Oloyede for bringing unparalleled integrity, transparency and accountability to the management of the institution. He also praised the inclusiveness of stakeholders in education and civil society activists in JAMB's activities so that they can see, at close range, the range of problems confronting the Board, the methods of complaints resolution as well as ensuring wider consultations on a range of issues.

According to the writer, such sagacity in the management of affairs in Nigeria's public offices is rare. That approach, he said, helps in fine-tuning ideas through positive interaction for the overall benefit of the organisation. It also puts the organisation at the cutting edge of educational admissions administration and makes it able to absorb new ideas and feedback from the viewing, critical public.

Oloyede, he declares, is a man of great courage who has not allowed himself to be encumbered by what has come to be known derisively as the "Nigerian factor," which is the mean and obscene resort to unfair and unwholesome tactics in achieving results. That is why JAMB seems to work.

**GUARDIAN, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021- Rivers Cautions Against Examination Fraud:** Rivers State Commissioner for Education, Prof. Kaniye Ebeku, has cautioned against examination malpractices, insisting that anyone caught will be dealt with by prescribed rules and regulations governing the conduct of examinations. Prof. Ebeku, who stated this recently, while monitoring the 2021 West Africa Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE) in the State, said, "We are here to ensure that the examination (especially as students write English Language paper nationwide) goes on seamlessly. We don't condone malpractices in Rivers State and we will not allow anyone to cheat."

He also cautioned students against compromising their future by indulging in malpractices, adding that he was confident that students were prepared for the examinations and so should have no reason to engage in any form of misconduct.

**PUNCH, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021- As JAMB Drops Its Cut-Off Point:** Recently JAMB Registrar, Prof Is-haq Oloyede, announced that though tertiary institutions would still use JAMB's Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination scores, they could independently determine the cut-off point acceptable to them.

According to the daily, in 2017, JAMB announced that the approved set minimum scores for universities,

monotechnics and polytechnics/colleges of education at 120, 110 and 100 respectively. Some universities howled that that was too low for them, and then set their cut-off point between 160 and 200.

In 2019, after the National Policy meeting, the minimum score was raised for universities and polytechnics to a higher 140 and 100 respectively. Some whimpers did not exactly show a preference for or against the decision. Nigeria is surfeit with duplicitous people who say what they do not mean.

In the meantime, the publication reported that the Head, Public Affairs and Protocols of the Board was quick to respond to allegations that the Board lowers minimum scores to favour a particular section of the country saying, "It will be wrong for anybody to say that the cut-off point for an examination that is conducted for candidates determines the standard of education. Contrary to the complaints of some stakeholders, JAMB does not compel higher institutions to admit candidates with the seemingly ridiculous (sic) cut-off mark."

He further explained, "It was only agreed by stakeholders to provide institutions with the benchmark as universities could raise the marks above 140, but not more than 200."

Despite this explanation, Kaduna State Governor, Nasir el-Rufai, still protested what he interprets as (JAMB's unnecessary) preferential treatment for Northern Nigerian candidates.

But maybe after seeing through the crocodile tears, and observing that some tertiary institutions bypassed the Central Admissions Processing System, JAMB decided not to suggest a benchmark, but allow tertiary institutions to determine their own admissions cut-off points, however low.

**THISDAY, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021- NECO, JAMB Urged to Cancel Credit Pass in English, Mathematics as Prerequisites for Admission:** The President, English Scholars Association of Nigeria (ESAN), Professor Shola Babatunde, has called on the two examination bodies in Nigeria, the National Examination Council (NECO) and the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) to stop

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making credit pass in English and Mathematics as prerequisites for admission into universities or polytechnics in Nigeria.

Prof. Babatunde also urged the federal government to establish English Language Council in Nigeria, as part of measures to promote and encourage effective communication in the language. He stated that the council should be empowered to make pronouncements and policies that enjoy government backing for promoting National English. According to him, "The emphasis should be on the improvement of the facilities and the training and employment of an adequate number of teachers to teach the two subjects to minimise failure rates.

**NATIONAL ACCORD, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021- FG Increases TETFund Grants to N8.5bn- Minister:** The Federal Government has announced an increment of the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) research grants to universities and other tertiary institutions to N8.5 billion, up from the N7.5 billion it doled out in 2020.

The Minister of Education, Mallam Adamu Adamu, who announced the increment while declaring open the first National Conference on Research, Training and Development in Zaria, noted

that in 2019, the grants totalled N5 billion. He added that the Federal Government had decided to raise its budgetary allocation to the education sector by 50 per cent in next year's budget, with a view to addressing the funding shortfall for the sector.

The minister stressed the global importance of research in any academic community, saying that the number of academic publications was not enough, as what mattered most was the amount of search grants one attracted to his or her university as a professor or senior academic officer.

**DAILY TRUST, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021- Prof. Anunobi Assumes Duty Mr CEO of National Library:** Professor Chinwe Veronica Anunobi has assumed duty as the National Librarian and Chief Executive Officer of the National Library of Nigeria. President Muhammadu Buhari had last week approved the appointment of Prof. Chinwe Veronica Anunobi alongside other Heads of some education agencies. Prof. Anunobi, upon assumption some whippers did cooperation of the staff to achieve greater mileage for the organisation and place it at par with its counterparts in the world. She said: "I believe in collaboration and teamwork. To that extent, everyone here

is a stakeholder and together, all of us are stakeholders in the success or failure of this organisation." there

Until her appointment, Prof. Anunobi had completed her tenure as the University Librarian of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri in April 2021 and returned to the Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka.

**DAILY INDEPENDENT, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2021- Prof. Ibiyemi Olatunji-Bello Becomes LASU 9th Vice-Chancellor:** The Lagos State Governor and Visitor to Lagos State University (LASU), MMrBabajide Sanwo-Olu, has approved the appointment not of Prof. Ibiyemi Olatunji-Bello, as the 9th Substantive Vice-Chancellor of the University.

According to a statement signed by the Commissioner for Information and Strategy, MMrGbenga Omotoso, Prof. Olatunji-Bello's appointment follows her recommendation by the Joint Committee of Council and Senate of LASU following the LASU Law, Cap 169 Vol 7, Laws of Lagos State. Prof. Olatunji-Bello is a Professor of Physiology and former Acting Vice-Chancellor of the University between January and October 2011. **Also in Daily Sun, Friday, September 17, 2021.**

## ■ EXAMINOTRICKS ■ ■



**BBC.COM/PIDGIN, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021- WAEC MATHEMATICS EXPO: WAEC Reveals How 2021 WASSCE General Mathematics, English Papers Leaked:** The West African Examinations Council (WAEC) has confirmed that two papers have been compromised in the ongoing West African Senior School Certificate Examinations (WASSCE). The Council says its investigations have uncovered some extracts of the 2021 Elective Mathematics and English Language tests, which had been found in the public domain. WAEC made this revelation at a news conference on Wednesday in Accra.

Addressing stakeholders, Head of Test Administration at WAEC, George Ohene-Mantey, said portions of the papers were found to have been circulated before the examination as "the 'cheating' social media groups were in full swing."

"After the administration of the tests, scrutiny of the several versions received, there are indications that extracts of parts of the Quan questions for Mathematics (Elective) 2 and Section 'A' language 2 were circulated on some social media platforms," he said.

WAEC says though earlier reports suggested that the circulation was not extensive, they are deploying "various internationally accepted assessment procedures and interventions within its domain to guarantee the credibility of results."

Other misconducts observed during the examinations so far include: "Inside examination hall malpractices and invigilation, institutionalised examination malpractices, that is, the execution of pre-arranged plans to assist candidates in cheating, by solving questions and distributing solutions to candidates."



## ...JAMB Retirees Shower Encomiums On Oloyede



The Chairperson, JAMB Retirees, Mrs Aisha Dahiru presents congratulatory card to JAMB Registrar, Prof Is-haq Oloyede over his reappointment.

welcome development.

She assured the Registrar that, as JAMB Ambassadors, members would continue to uphold the vision, mission and mandate of the Board wherever they are in addition to serving as watchdogs to the good name of the Board.

Responding, the Registrar thanked the forum for its kind words and promised not to relent in his quest to make the Board better by far.

## REGISTRAR COUNSELS APPN ON DEARTH OF CANDIDATES



JAMB Registrar presents copies of annual reports to the Chairman, APPN, Mr Mandy Abuluya during a visit to JAMB

**T**he Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has counselled the Association of Private Polytechnics in Nigeria (APPN) on the dearth of candidates applying to that category of tertiary institution in the country.

The Registrar also stated that the law does not permit the Board to unilaterally assign candidates to any institution as that is the prerogative of the individual candidates.

The Registrar made this disclosure when officials of APPN paid him a courtesy visit in his office on Thursday, 16th September, 2021.

In addition, Prof. Oloyede pointed out that for an institution to gain acceptability, it needs to market itself aggressively in terms of adequate provision of infrastructure and manpower as well as attractive fees.

In his words: "Candidates would only come to you based on what you offer. Do

what you can to make yourselves attractive to candidates. If your prices and content are not attractive, candidates could be discouraged from enrolling." The Registrar, therefore, stated that the onus of increasing patronage of respective institutions lies on regular advertisement of what they have to offer and added that once candidates select them as their choice, the Board would have no option other than to forward such to them.

The clarification by the Registrar came on the heels of the request by APPN that the Board should assist private polytechnics by posting candidates there

owing to a dearth of candidates and low subscription.

The Registrar urged the Association to come up with actionable proposals within the allowable limit of the law to address the issues raised.

The Registrar, however, informed the delegation that the Board, as a responsible organisation poised to expand access to quality education, would do all within its power to assist the Association and promised to list private polytechnics and their addresses on the Board's website at no cost.

On the issue of having examinations conducted separately for them, the Registrar advised them against such explaining that the cost implication of conducting a separate examination was not encouraging adding also that it would constitute unnecessary stress on the candidates to be made to go through the rigours of yet another examination.

As regards the issue of candidates who accepted their admissions on the Central Admissions Processing System (CAPS) and yet failed to show up at their respective schools of choice, as well as the Association's request to be given the contact details of admitted candidates, the Registrar said that would be illegal. He, however, assured that a clause would be added on the CAPS requesting candidates who accepted admissions to authorise the Board to forward their contact details to their schools of choice. The Registrar also warned against engaging in the admission of candidates outside the purview of CAPS reminding the Association of the directive by the Honourable Minister foreclosing such.

He said, "You cannot go off the admission process and then later seek our approval for condonment. If you follow the process within the stipulated time, it is automated on CAPS and nothing is done under the table." He cautioned.

Earlier, the APPN delegation led by Mr Mandy Abuluya had expressed concern about the dearth of candidates, refusal of candidates to show up after accepting admission on CAPS, admission timetable, separate examination for private institutions, among others.

## ...JAMB Registrar Raises Alarm Over Illegal Admissions

concluded 2021/2022 Policy Meeting against the conduct of admission outside the purview of the Board's Central Admissions Processing System (CAPS).

He further explained that any institution involved in such ignoble act was working against the spirit of the Federal Government's directive on ease of doing business, among others.

Prof. Oloyede said illegal admissions being conducted by some institutions under the guise of "regularisation" would no longer be tolerated, stating that after the agreed deadline as announced by the Board, no excuses would be entertained as the Honourable Minister had given all institutions enough time to remedy this infraction.

Earlier, the NASFA Deputy

Commandant/Chief of Staff and Director of Studies, Col. Onyekachi Eneomwo, said that the institution started running Diploma programmes for officers in the military and paramilitary in 2012 and was at the Board to ensure that they were doing the right thing in terms of admission process and placement.

## NNAD VISITS JAMB, WANTS MEMBERS EXEMPTED FROM POST-UTME



The Vice President, NNAD, Mr Haruna Muhammad along with other members of the delegation receives JAMB publication from the Registrar, Prof Is-haq Oloyede

**T**he Nigeria National Association of the Deaf has made a case for the exemption of Deaf candidates from taking the Post-UTME.

The National Vice President, NNAD, Mr Haruna Muhammed, made this appeal when he led a delegation of the Association to the National Headquarters of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) on Thursday, 16th September, 2021.

Earlier, the Association had commended Prof. Is-haq Oloyede for his reappointment as JAMB Registrar for a second term in office which he attributed to the unprecedented transformations he had brought into being in JAMB.

Mr Muhammed, while underscoring the necessity of increased access to tertiary

education by the Deaf, pointed out that Deaf applicants were, sometimes, not given their dues in the admission process of many institutions.

In the same vein, he expressed disappointment at the recent pronouncements from the 2021 Policy Meeting where the Deaf were excluded from the special recognition and exemption from Post-UTME granted to other physically challenged groups, adding that that was contrary to the inclusive policy on education currently in practice in Nigeria.

Continuing, Mr Muhammad said that in line with the Association's mandate of advancing the interests of its members, NNAD would solicit the Board to, among others, exempt Deaf candidates from taking Oral English in the UTME, facilitate the establishment of a special unit in the Board to cater for candidates with a disability as well as employ their members in the administration of the Board.

In his remarks, the Registrar welcomed the delegation to the Board and urged the Association to

bring up its requests to receive the necessary attention. He, however, stated that Oral English is not one of the twenty-five subjects currently tested in the UTME.

With regard to the creation of a unit in the Board to handle issues relating to the Disabled, the Registrar assured the delegation that the idea was a good one and promised to set the machinery in motion for its implementation in the nearest future.

Furthermore, on the issue of exemption of the Deaf from taking the Post-UTME, the Registrar urged NNAD to include the proposal in the document to be presented as the inclusion of the Deaf in the Post-UTME was a well-thought-out decision that bordered on mainstreaming them. He advised the Association to deliberate extensively on the pros and cons of exemption.

In his closing remarks, the Vice President, Mr Haruna Muhammad, leader of the delegation, thanked the Registrar and his Management team and promised to convey his message to relevant organs of the Association.



**PICTURES FROM THE WEDDING CEREMONY OF OLUWAFERANMI GRACE, DAUGHTER OF Ag. DIRECTOR, PSYCHOMETRICS, DR AKINYELE ARIYO WHICH TOOK PLACE ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2021 AT DEEPER LIFE BIBLE CHURCH, REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS, BWARI, ABUJA**



L-R: Mr Samuel Ovie, Assistant Director, Finance and Accounts JAMB; Mr Mufutau Bello, Director, Finance and Accounts JAMB; the Couple, Mr and Mrs O.A Mosobolaje and Dr and Mrs A.O. Ariyo.



L-R: Mother of the Bride, Mrs Felicia Ariyo; the Groom, Mr Opeyemi Mosobolaje; the Bride, Grace Mosobolaje and the father of the Bride, Ag. Director, Psychometrics, Dr Akinyele Ariyo.

**PICTURES FROM IPI CONGRESS IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA**



L-R: Dr Fabian Benjamin, JAMB with Sami Zeidan of Al Jazeera, Qatar.



L-R: Dr Fabian Benjamin; Mr Markus Spillman and Sir Folu Olamiti at the IPI World Congress in Vienna, Austria.

**OTHER PICTURES**



The Registrar, Prof Is-haq Oloyede, (5th from the left) in a group photograph with JAMB Retirees and members of management.



NASFA Deputy Commandant/Chief of Staff and Director of Studies, Col Onyekachi Eneomwo presents a plaque to JAMB Registrar, Prof Is-haq Oloyede.



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## ZONAL AND STATE OFFICES OF THE BOARD

S/N	ZONAL OFFICE	STATES IN THE ZONE
1.	Abuja	Federal Capital Territory, Niger and Kogi
2.	Bauchi	Bauchi, Gombe and Taraba
3.	Benin	Edo and Delta
4.	Enugu	Abia, Anambra, Ebonyi, Enugu and Imo
5.	Ibadan	Ekiti, Ogun, Ondo, Osun and Oyo
6.	Sokoto	Kebbi, Sokoto, and Zamfara
7.	Kano	Jigawa, Kano and Katsina
8.	Lafia	Benue, Nasarawa and Plateau
9.	Maiduguri	Adamawa, Borno and Yobe
10.	Port-Harcourt	Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa, Cross River and Rivers

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